# CMS Net

# Errors and Alerts Messages

# Appendix A 0001-0499

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# DATA ELEMENT VALIDITY EDITS - 0001 THROUGH 0499

**Overview**  Some errors are caused because the information entered is not valid for a particular data element. Refer to the Data Element Dictionary, for a complete listing of valid input for each data element within the MEDS Network. Following are some examples of data-element validity errors.

- SSN must be all numbers **or** start with an "8" or "9" and end with a P. SSN cannot be "123-45-6789" **or** "555-55-5555", etc.

- Birthdate must be all numbers and be seven digits long.

- Share of Cost amount must be numeric and five digits long.

**0001**  <u>**FAILED LENGTH CHECK-INCORRECT NUMBER OF**</u>  *URGENT*  <u>**CHARACTERS -**</u> The field displayed on the alert has either too many of too few characters for that field, resulting in a fatal error.

**ACTION:**  Check the required length for the field in error. Refer to Appendix B (DED). Correct the field and resubmit the transaction.

**0002**  <u>**FAILED LENGTH CHECK- INCORRECT NUMBER OF**</u>  *ACCEPT*  <u>**CHARACTERS -**</u> The field displayed on the alert has either too many or too few characters for that field, resulting in a non-fatal error.

**ACTION:**  Check the required length for the field in error. Refer to Appendix B (DED). Correct the field and resubmit the transaction, if appropriate.

**0003**  <u>**INVALID CHARACTER WITHIN FIELD**</u>  *URGENT*  Invalid characters were input in a field within this transaction, resulting in a fatal error. In this field MEDS will only accept alpha, numeric, spaces and special characters (hyphen, period, slash and pound sign).

**ACTION:** Correct the field in error and resubmit the transaction.

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**0004** **INVALID CHARACTER WITHIN FIELD**                    *ACCEPT*
Invalid characters were input in the ADDRESS, CASE NAME, WORKER NUMBER and/or OTH-COV fields (on SD20 updates the field in error could be MARITAL STATUS). MEDS will only accept alpha, numeric, space and special characters (hyphen, period, slash and pound sign) in these fields. The transaction has been accepted by MEDS, but the field in error has been blanked out. If the ADDRESS field is in error, the Address Flag has been set to 2, preventing the issuance of a Medi-Cal ID card.

**ACTION:** Correct the field in error, if possible, to be acceptable to MEDS and resubmit the transaction.

**0005** **DATE FIELD DOES NOT CONTAIN A VALID DATE**                    *URGENT*
This error results from entering an invalid date or not entering a date when required.

**ACTION:** Determine correct date and resubmit the transaction.

**0006** **DATE FIELD DOES NOT CONTAIN A VALID DATE**                    *ACCEPT*
An invalid date was entered in a field in this transaction resulting in a non-fatal error. Refer to Appendix B (DED) for acceptable values for this field.

**ACTION:** Correct the field and resubmit the transaction.

**0007** **NOT AN ACCEPTABLE INPUT VALUE FOR THIS FIELD**                    *URGENT*
Data was submitted on this transaction which is not valid for a particular data field. Refer to Appendix B (DED) to determine the valid input values for the field in error.

**ACTION:** Correct the field and resubmit the transaction.

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**0008**  **NOT AN ACCEPTABLE INPUT VALUE FOR THIS FIELD**          *ACCEPT*
Data was submitted on the transaction, which was not within the valid range of input
for a particular field. Refer to Appendix B (DED) to determine the valid input values
for the field in error.

**ACTION:** Correct the field and resubmit the transaction.

**0009**  **CONTINUATION-CHARACTER MISSING OR INVALID**          *REJECT*
A fixed length batch input transaction contained a continuation character indicating an
additional record to follow but the next record had different information in the
transaction header. This message will be accompanied by message 0010.

**ACTION:** Contact your data processing staff so that they can determine whether the
problem was with the continuation character or whether there are additional records
which should have been sent for this transaction. Submit updates as needed to correct
MEDS for the rejected transaction.

**0010**  **CONTINUATION RECORD - HEADER FIELDS NOT THE SAME**     *REJECT*
A fixed length batch input transaction contained a continuation character indicating an
additional record to follow but the next record had different information in the
transaction header. This message will always accompany message 0009. It will display
the transaction header fields that were different.

**ACTION:** Refer to message 0009.

**0011**  **CONTINUATION-SEQUENCE-NUMBER OUT OF SEQUENCE**     *REJECT*
A fixed length batch input transaction contained a continuation character indicating an
additional record to follow but the next record had a continuation sequence number
that was not equal to the prior record's continuation sequence number plus 1. This
indicates that there is a missing continuation record for the original transaction. If
there were multiple transactions with identical information in the transaction header
submitted in a single batch input file, sorting of the input transactions will sometimes
cause this message to be generated.

**ACTION:** Contact your data processing staff so that they can determine whether the
problem was due to missing additional records which should have been sent for this
transaction or due to multiple transactions with identical information in the transaction
header. Submit updates as needed to correct MEDS.

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**0012** **NUMBER OF CONTINUATION RECORDS EXCEED** *REJECT*
**MAXIMUM ALLOWED -** A fixed length batch input transaction contained more than nine continuation records (more than would be expected for the largest possible transaction).

**ACTION:** Contact your data processing staff so that they can determine what caused the excessive number of continuation records. Submit updates as needed to correct MEDS.

**0013** **TRANSACTION CODE IS NOT A VALID MEDS** *REJECT*
**TRANSACTION CODE** - A batch input transaction contained a transaction code that was not recognized as a valid MEDS, CDB or IEVS transaction code.

**ACTION:** Contact your data processing staff so that they can determine what caused the incorrect transaction code to be sent to MEDS. If the transaction should have updated MEDS information, submit updates as needed to correct MEDS.

**0014** **INVALID DATA ELEMENT NUMBER** *REJECT*
**OR FIELD DELIMITER**
The batch transaction submitted had improper coding.

**ACTION:** Refer problem to county data processing staff.

**0484** **UNASSIGNED MESSAGE - RESERVED FOR BUY-IN \*\*ERROR\*\*** *HOTLINE*
**TO**
**0486**
**0489**
**0491**
**TO**
**0493**
**0495**
**TO**
**0499**

**0494** **RESERVED FOR BUY-IN ERROR** *HOTLINE*
**ACTION:**

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